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CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK AT VALLEYCREST LANDFILL

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) said today that construction of a landfill gas abatement system will begin next week--possibly as soon as late Monday, June 22-- at the Valleycrest Landfill site, Dayton, OH, between Brandt Pike and Valley Street. (The site is also known as the North Dayton Sanitary Landfill.)

Area residents can expect to see construction vehicles and workers in protective clothing over the next few weeks. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires protective clothing when handling landfill debris. As a general precaution, residents are advised to keep children away from the site during construction.

The project also may temporarily give off unpleasant odors from the site. EPA and OEPA stress that the odors are not hazardous and should cease once the work is complete. Air monitoring will be conducted during digging work to ensure safety.

Once fully-installed, the abatement system will stop migration of landfill gas beyond the property. The system will consist of a series of about 40

vertical gas vents. The vents, which are about 20 feet deep, will be connected with above-ground horizontal piping for efficient control of the landfill gas.

A public meeting to update residents on the construction project, air monitoring, and removal of drums from the site will be held July 9, 7 p.m., at the Polish Club, 1472 Valley Street.

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